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Bikeway Project Goals

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In coordinated efforts to complete more bikeways for Houston, the Public Works and Engineering Department and the Mayor's Bikeway Task Force have proposed that 10 bikeway projects complete design in Fiscal Year 2005.

Houston City Council approved program management for four of these bikeway project trials in July 2004. These four projects are the West Brays West Trail, the TMC Holly Hall Trail, the Herman Brown Park Trail and the West Houston Trail. These projects improve an existing trail along Brays Bayou and extend completed bikeway network projects to enhance connectivity of the overall network in the far west, southwest, central and east Houston area.



These projects enhance connectivity to Harris County trails, improve trails to better meet the needs of users today, provide a connection to Reliant Park and the Texas Medical Center, while enhancing connectivity between neighborhoods and area parks.



Seven additional projects are scheduled to complete design in Fiscal Year 2005. The design of these projects will be managed by in-house City forces.

Construction by the Texas Department of Transportation will follow. The projects create new trails along bayous and abandoned railroads and add bicycle and pedestrian bridges to enhance connectivity.

These projects are the Halls Bayou Trail, the Heritage Corridor West Trail, the Heritage Corridor East Segment I Trail, the Heritage Corridor North Trail, the MKT Rails to Trails, and the Columbia Tap Rails to Trails. Two bridges provide bicycle and pedestrian access across Brays Bayou to enhance connections to Herman Park, and Texas Southern University as well as the University of Houston. The local funding match for these projects is \$6.7 million in Fiscal Year 2005 leveraging 24.6 million in federal funds earmarked for bikeways in Houston.

With the completion of these 10 projects, 24 miles of new hike and bike trails will be added to our city's existing 290-mile bikeway network.

